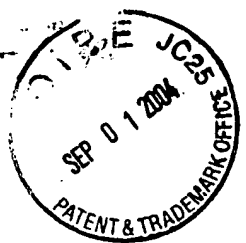


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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

HAMUNEN et al.

Art Unit: 1616

Application No.: 09/926,397

Examiner: B. Badio

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PURIFICATION OF STEROLS FROM HYDROCARBON  
EXTRACTS USING EVAPORATIVE FRACTIONATION

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Director of the U.S. PTO  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2004

Sir:


Applicants petition for an extension of time for three months for response to the outstanding Office Action dated March 1, 2004 from June 1, 2004 to September 1, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the three month extension fee of \$950.00 along with any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 023406-00008. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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